

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 – 7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator, comprising:
a thermally insulated housing;

integrated elements in said housing suitable for the supply of potable water, which ~~can be connected~~ are configured for connection to an external potable water pipe through said housing including first integrated elements configured for operation at a first pressure and second integrated elements configured for operation at a second pressure, wherein the second pressure is higher than said first pressure; and

wherein the first integrated elements are integrally formed from a material having at least one of anti-microbial property and an anti-fungal property and wherein the second integrated elements are coated with a material at least one of anti-microbial property and an anti-fungal property the
~~surfaces of said integrated elements provided for contact with said potable water are at least partly provided with a finish which is effective against microbes and/or fungi.~~
9. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 8, including one of said integrated elements has a surface layer ~~loaded with~~ formed from a chemical substance effective against at least one of microbes and fungi and a carrier layer substantially free from said chemical substance.

10. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 8, including one of said integrated elements integrally is formed of a material ~~loaded with~~ including a chemical substance effective against at least one of microbes and fungi.
11. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, ~~including~~ wherein said chemical substance is embedded in a plastic matrix.
12. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according claim 9, ~~including~~ wherein said chemical substance contains a silver compound.
13. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, ~~including~~ wherein said chemical substance contains a zeolite material in which metal ions effective against at least one of microbes and fungi are exchangeably bound.
14. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according claim 9, ~~including~~ wherein at least one of said integrated elements is one of a pipe, a freezer container or a heat exchanger.
15. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator, comprising:
a thermally insulated housing;

a plurality of integrated elements in said housing for the supply of potable water, connected to an external potable water pipe through said housing, at least one of said integrated elements is one of a pipe, a freezer container or a heat exchanger the plurality of integrated elements including first integrated elements configured for operation at a first pressure and second integrated elements configured for operation at a

second pressure, wherein the second pressure is higher than said first pressure; and

wherein the first integrated elements are integrally formed from a material having at least one of anti-microbial property and an anti-fungal property and wherein the second integrated elements are coated with a material at least one of anti-microbial property and an anti-fungal property the
~~surfaces of said integrated elements provided for contact with said potable water are at least partly provided with a finish which is effective against microbes and/or fungi.~~

16. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according claim 15, wherein said integrated elements include a pipe coupled through a wall of said housing and separately coupled to a freezer container and a heat exchanger.
17. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 16,~~including~~
wherein said pipe has a surface layer loaded with a chemical substance effective against at least one of microbes and fungi and a carrier layer substantially free from said chemical substance.
18. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 16,~~including~~
wherein said freezer container and said heat exchanger are integrally formed of a material ~~loaded with~~ including a chemical substance effective against at least one of microbes and fungi.
19. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 18,~~including~~
wherein said chemical substance substance is embedded in a plastic matrix.

20. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according claim 18, ~~including~~
wherein said chemical substance contains a silver compound.
21. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 18, ~~including~~
wherein said chemical substance contains a zeolite material in which
metal ions effective against at least one of microbes and fungi are
exchangeably bound.